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- 1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT BY CODEL MCGOVERN. WILL ATTEMPT TO SET UP DESIRED APPOINTMENTS. ASSUME SEPTEMBER 21 AS A FREE DAY IS ACCEPTABLE TO SENATOR SINCE APPOINTMENTS ARE VERY DIFFICULT ON SUNDAY. ANTICIPATE COSTA GOMES AND SOARES WILL NOT PRESENT PROBLEMS. AZEVEDO WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE IF HE HAS GOVERNMENT FORMED. IF HE HAS GIVEN UP THE TASK BY THEN HE WILL SURELY BE AVAILABLE. IF HE IS STILL TRYING ALL BETS ARE OFF. ANTUNES IS STILL BEING VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT HIS MOVEMENTS AND CONTACTS, BUT WE WILL CONVEY TO HIM IMPORTANCE OF MEETING SENATOR. OTELO IS TOTALLY UNPREDICTABLE, BUT WE WILL MAKE REQUEST.
- 2. CUNHAL PRESENTS A SPECIAL CASE. WHILE SENATOR MIGHT FIND CUNHAL AN INTERESTING STUDY, HE IS UNLIKELY TO LEARN ANYTHING NEW. MOST PEOPLE ENJOY THEIR CHATS WITH CUNHAL BUT DO NOT COME AWAY ANY WISER. PCP WILL CERTAINLY EXPLOIT VISIT TO FURTHER ITS OWN POLITICAL AIMS. COMMUNISTS ARE PRESENTLY PROTRAYING THEMSELVES AS RESPONSIBLE NATIONALISTS WITH PORTUGUESE INTERESTS AT HEART WHO ENJOY INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND RESPECT. SENATOR'S VISIT WILL BE USED PRIVATELY CONFIDENTIAL

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AND PERHAPS PUBLICALLY TO HELP CONVINCE PEOPLE OF THIS.

I RECOGNIZE WE CANNOT CONTROL SENATOR'S MOVEMENTS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT COULD DO TO DISSUADE HIM FROM SEEING CUNHAL.

3. CONTROL OFFICER IS MS. MARCIA MYERS. RESERVATIONS MADE AT HOTEL RITZ.  ${\sf CARLUCCI}$ 

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